REMARKS

In the written description, paragraph [0028] has been amended to remove the Internet links.

Claims 1-6, 11-12, and 17-18 are currently pending. Claims 9-10 and 13-14 have been cancelled. Claims 4 and 18 have been amended. Claims 19-21 have been added. Support for amended and new claims 4 and 18-21 can be found, for example, in paragraphs [00020]-[00022], [00031], [00035]-[00036], and [00077] of the specification as filed.

Applicant wishes to express appreciation for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative, Lars Genieser, by Examiner Savitha Rao during telephone discussions on December 2 and 3, 2009. Applicant understands from these discussions that the proposed amendments are allowable in their entirety and that claims 3-6 and 11-12, currently marked as Withdrawn, will be rejoined.

Applicant understands that no fee is due for the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee or refund is deemed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit the associated amount to Deposit Account No. 22-0261, under Order Number 58086-235854.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Applicant believes that all claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims be timely issued for the above-identified application.

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